

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohgami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,362). In response, Applicants amended independent claims 1, 5 and 8 to clarify that the cam is radially inward of an outer edge of the pivot shaft, and respectfully traverse.

The Examiner cites Ohgami as teaching an electronic apparatus having a cam-like projection portion 237 that functions as a cam. However, the cam-like projection portion 237 is positioned external to a coupling portion 145, which houses the pivot shaft of the electronic apparatus. That is, Ohgami does not have an outer edge and a cam that is radially inward of the outer edge of the pivot shaft, but is instead attached thereto.

In contrast, as shown in FIGs. 3-4 of the present application, a cam 33 includes an actuating portion 34 configured for engaging a lever 35. The cam 33 is coaxial with a pivot shaft 32 and has a radius that is less than the radial distance to an outer portion of the pivot shaft 32 from a central axis of rotation of the pivot shaft. (See FIG. 4). Since Ohgami fails to disclose a cam that remains radially inward of the outer edge of the pivot shaft, withdrawal of the §102 rejection of claims 1 and 3-13 is respectfully requested.

New claims 14-16 are added and define the lever as being formed in a Z-shape. New claims 17-19 are added and define the cam as being formed such that a maximum lifting stroke of the cam is smaller than a radius of the pivot shaft. Applicants earnestly solicit

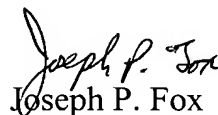
allowance of new claims 14-19 for the reasons recited above and because of their additional features.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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